

POLICE CONDUCT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION
Minutes
Regular Meeting October 13, 2015
Starting at 6:00 p.m.
350 Fifth Street, Room 241, Minneapolis, MN 55407

Committee Members Present: Andrea Brown (Chair), Andrew Buss, Adriana Cerrillo, Amran Farah, Jennifer Singleton (Vice Chair), and Laura Westphal.

Absent: None

Staff Present: Ryan Patrick – Police Conduct Operations Supervisor (612) 673-5500 and Leda Schuster, Commission Clerk.

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Singleton moved to adopt meeting agenda.

Seconded.

All in favor, none opposed.

The motion carried.

Buss Moved to adopt the meeting minutes from September 8, 2015.

Seconded.

All in favor, none opposed.

The motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Brown opened the floor for public comment. The following is a list of the members of the public who addressed the Commission and the topics covered in their discussion:

Chuck Turchick:

- Suggested that the PCOC request a presence on the Chief's Citizen Advisory Council.
- Minneapolis site visit from National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice; Chief Harteau announced the visit at the Chief's Citizen Advisory Council meeting, but did not invite the PCOC to attend.

Dave Bicking:

- Addressed issues and timelines surrounding the potential to contribute to the Chief's performance report.

With no further public comment, Chair Brown moved to the next item on the agenda.

Pending Approval

New Business

Report on Investigative Stops and Study

Deputy Chief Arredondo provided an update to the Commission on Tracking and Investigative Detentions and Search progress:

- Both the PCOC and the ACLU suggested that the MPD begin tracking Terry Stops.
- The MPD has been working diligently with the IT folks to make sure that those officers who use mobile digital computers are able to track race, age, time, and location.
- Will be able to include a function where an officer cannot proceed to their next call until information is entered into the computer; the IT portion of that function is proceeding nicely.
- The MPD is also developing a function for officers on foot or in plain-clothes to also be able to track Terry Stop data.
- Training is being provided for call takers and dispatch personnel and anticipate the roll out of the program in late November.

With the conclusion of the update from Deputy Chief Arredondo, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Singleton – asked if the officers are required to record grounds for a stop.

Arredondo – indicated that he has met with Peter Ginder, from the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office, and that provision is in there and an updated policy for a detention stop will be provided.

With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Review of National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, or NACOLE, Conference

Chair Brown addressed the Commission. The following were the main points from her presentation:

- The national standard for civilian oversight is moving toward a hybrid model, similar to the model used in Minneapolis.
- Prior to moving toward the hybrid model, many regions used an independent type body, which seemed to create significant roadblocks with investigative abilities.
- The Body Camera and Investigative Stop reports were shared at the conference.
- Several regions are turning to the reports and taking proactive measures similar to those taken in Minneapolis.
- Minneapolis is ahead of many regions in terms of oversight and is in a good position comparatively.

Pending Approval

With the conclusion of the presentation, Chair Brown opened the floor for discussion. With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

OPCR Third Quarter Data Report

Mr. Patrick, the Police Conduct Operations Supervisor, addressed the Commission; the following were the main points from his presentation:

- The office has undergone quite a transition with regard to staffing; the intake process has shifted in a very short period of time.
- The problem associated with the shift in intake process has been resolved and the office anticipates completing 35 cases by the end of the week.
- The report will be presented at the November meeting due to the odd circumstances from the last quarter.

With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Committee Reports

Policy and Procedure Committee Report

Buss, the Committee Chair, addressed the Commission. The following are the main points from the Chair's report:

- Commander Bruce Folkens addressed the Committee regarding juvenile outreach and the relationship between the Minneapolis School District and the MPD.
- The MPD is exploring ways to prevent children from entering the criminal justice system.
- School Resource Officers not only receive traditional training and are experienced officers, but they also receive additional training in dealing with gang activity and mental health issues.
- Commissioner Singleton indicated that she has been in contact with the Minnesota Bicycle Initiative, who is tracing incidents and trends, she will be in contact with them to look more closely at how the information is gathered and what kind of problems are present.
- Mr. Patrick has received credentials in government accounting, which will lend an additional level of credibility to the reports generated.

With the conclusion of the update from Commissioner Buss, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moves to the next item on the agenda.

Pending Approval

Outreach Committee

Commissioner Singleton, the Committee Chair, addressed the Commission. The following are the main points from Chair's report:

- The Open Street circuit has been completed; the final two were at Nicollet and on Lowry.
- The Lowry event was in partnership with the MPD, which provided the opportunity to interact on a more informal level with the officers.
- The Body Camera Report was sent to Chief Harteau on September 30, 2015 and presented to the City Council Public Safety meeting.
- The next three meeting dates have been adjusted due to scheduling conflicts. The October meeting is cancelled, the November meeting will be held on the 19th and the December meeting will be held on the 15th. Both meetings will be held prior to the Policy and Procedure Committee meeting at 5:00 p.m.

With the conclusion of the update from Commissioner Singleton, the Chair opened the floor for discussion. With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

Discussion of September 2015, Selected Case Summary Data 6, 7, & 9

The Chair opened the floor for discussion. The following is a list of speakers and an abstract of their individual comments:

Buss – expressed concerns regarding case summary number nine in that the off-duty officer involved in the incident took steps which require some level of accountability; there was no policy violation and the officer was coached.

Singleton – also expressed concern with regard to the officer's conduct; felt it reminiscent of the Trayvon Martin situation.

Farrah – indicated that the situation was troubling in that the individual had to ask for a uniformed officer to be called to deal with the situation.

With no further discussion on the matter, the Chair moved to the next item on the agenda.

New Case Selection

The Chair called for the commissioners to identify their top three case synopsis choices for October 2015 and the Chair asked the Commission Clerk to call the roll. The following are the votes by Commissioners:

Chair Brown – 2, 4, 5

Buss – 3, 7, 8

Cerillo – 1, 7, 8

Farrah – 1, 4, 7

Singleton – 1, 4, 8

Westphal – 6, 7, 10

Pending Approval

Chair Brown indicated the new case selections for discussion at the November 2015 meeting are **case # 1, 7, 8** as the top picks, which were then selected by **unanimous consent of the commissioners**.

With no further discussion on the matter, Chair Brown moved to the next item on the agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

With all of the Commission's business being concluded, the Chair entertained a motion:

Farrah moved to adjourn.

Seconded.

All in favor. None opposed.

The motion carried.

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.